

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF NEW MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by Geological Survey of India (GSI) for opening of new mines during each of the last two years and the current year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) carries out regional surveys for exploration of minerals in different parts of the country. GSI. conducted 153,146 and 114 surveys for regional exploration of minerals in the country during the year 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively. Opening of new mines based on the promising mineral occurrences located by GSI will depend upon its economic viability to be proved by further detailed exploration. As per National Mineral Policy, 1993 the exploration/exploitation of mineral deposits has been thrown open for Private Sector participation, both domestic and foreign. Mining can be undertaken after the grant of mining leases by the State Govt. and after the approval of mining plans under Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.